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Join a Backcountry Adventure at Petrified Forest National Park

Petrified Forest, AZ—In honor of the National Park Service Centennial, join avid hikers Gary and Connie Grube for a season of guided adventures through the backcountry of Petrified Forest National Park. The Grubes have logged hundreds of miles hiking and volunteering with the park. Join them as they share their favorite gems of the Petrified Forest.

Hikes are free; regular park entrance fees apply. Hikes limited to 20 participants (12 for Historic Blue Forest and Sivu'Ovi). Dogs on leash welcome, except for Historic Blue Forest Sivu'Ovi. Inclement weather or extreme mud will cancel. Participants must wear appropriate footwear and carry water. Hats, sunblock, snacks, and walking sticks are advised. Not able to attend? Ask at the visitor center to take an Off the Beaten Path excursion on your own. RSVP appreciated; contact the park visitor center at (928)524-6228 x236.

December, 2015 Schedule of Hikes

Sunday, December, 13: 10AM - 1PM

Historic Blue Forest

Distance: 3-4 miles

Difficulty: advanced

Depart from: The Tepees; park at roadside pullout near mile marker 14

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Note: This hike is for sure-footed, safety-conscious, experienced hikers wearing sturdy boots. Footing can be bad at any time and treacherous in wet or icy conditions. Trail surface is ball-bearing gravel in some places and slippery clay in others. Walking sticks are recommended.

Monday December, 14: 10AM – 12:30PM

Petroglyph Canyon

Distance: 2-3 miles

Difficulty: easy to moderate

Depart from: Rainbow Forest Museum Picnic Area

Monday December, 14: 1PM – 4PM

Sivu’Ovi (12 hikers maximum)

Distance: 3-4 miles

Difficulty: easy to moderate

Depart from: Rainbow Forest Entrance Station

Friday December, 18: 10AM - 2PM

Onyx Bridge

Distance: 4-5 miles

Difficulty: easy to moderate

Depart from: Painted Desert Inn

Saturday December, 19: 10AM-1PM

Historic Blue Forest (12 Hikers Maximum)

Distance: 3-4 miles

Difficulty: advanced

Depart from: The Tepees; park at roadside pullout near mile marker 14

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Sunday December, 20: 10AM-1PM

Martha’s Butte

Distance: 3-4 miles

Difficulty: easy to moderate

Depart from: Dry Wash Bridge; park just south of milepost 22 on the main park road

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Sunday December, 20: 1PM- 3:30PM

Petroglyph Canyon

Distance: 2-3 miles

Difficulty: easy to moderate

Depart from: Rainbow Forest Museum Picnic Area

Thursday December, 24: 10AM – 1PM

Historic Blue Forest (12 Hikers Maximum)

Distance: 3-4 miles

Difficulty: advanced

Depart from: The Tepees; park at roadside pullout near mile marker 14

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Saturday December, 26: 10AM - 2PM

Onyx Bridge

Distance: 4-5 miles

Difficulty: easy to moderate

Depart from: Painted Desert Inn

Sunday December, 27: 10AM - 2PM

Jasper Forest Road

Distance: 3-4 miles

Difficulty: easy to moderate

Depart from: Jasper Forest overlook parking lot

Monday December, 28: 10AM-12:30PM

Petroglyph Canyon

Distance: 2-3 miles

Difficulty: easy to moderate

Depart from: Rainbow Forest Museum Picnic Area

Wednesday December, 30: 9AM-4PM

Red Basin Clam Beds

Distance: 8-9 miles

Difficulty: moderate

Depart from: Blue Mesa Loop Road; from the main park road, turn onto road to Blue Mesa. Drive 1.7 miles. Park at the pullout.– bring a lunch

Thursday December,31: 10AM-1PM

Martha's Butte

Distance: 3-4 miles

Difficulty: easy to moderate

Depart from: Dry Wash Bridge; park just south of milepost 22 on the main park road